

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** June 21, 2007

**CALLED TO ORDER:** 5:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 5:31 p.m.

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### ATTENDING MEMBERS

Lonnell Conley, Chairman  
Scott Keller  
Dane Mahern  
Angela Mansfield  
Mary Moriarty Adams  
Ryan Vaughn

#### ABSENT MEMBERS

Patrice Abdullah  
Ginny Cain  
Mike Speedy

### **AGENDA**

PROPOSAL NO. 251, 2007 - amends the Code to clarify the qualifications of members of the air pollution control board  
"Do Pass as Amended" Vote 5-0

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"Do Pass" Vote 6-0

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"Do Pass" Vote 6-0

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"Do Pass"

Vote 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 279, 2007 - authorizes intersection controls for the Treyburn Green Subdivision (District 21)

"Do Pass"

Vote 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 280, 2007 - authorizes parking restrictions on Summit Street between Williams Street and Washington Street (District 16)

"Do Pass"

Vote 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 281, 2007 - authorizes intersection controls for the Keystone Enterprise Park (District 9)

"Do Pass"

Vote 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 288, 2007 - authorizes a traffic signal for the intersection of 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and Racquet Square (District 4)

"Do Pass"

Vote 6-0

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, June 21, 2007. Chair Lonnell Conley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Scott Keller, Dane Mahern, Angela Mansfield, and Ryan Vaughn. Mary Moriarty Adams arrived shortly thereafter. Absent were Patrice Abdulla, Ginny Cain, and Mike Speedy.

PROPOSAL NO. 251, 2007 - amends the Code to clarify the qualifications of members of the air pollution control board

David Foster, Office of Environmental Services (OES), said that there is an amendment (attached as Exhibit A) to the proposal to add the labor requirement back into number eight of the Composition of the board. Mickey Rogers, Executive Assistant, Department of Public Works (DPW), said that the original proposal suggested that the labor representative be changed to a person who is knowledgeable and experienced in public safety or emergency management, but the amendment is asking that it be changed to a labor representative who is knowledgeable and experienced in public safety and emergency management. Mr. Rogers said that DPW does not have any objection to the amendment.

Councillor Mansfield moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to amend Proposal No. 251, 2007 as described in Exhibit A. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Councillor Vaughn asked what the board's reason was for wanting to change the position from a labor position. Mr. Rogers said that the purpose of the change was to bring the board up-to-date, as the original board was created in the 1970s, and the positions that served reflected management of pollution as it was understood during that time. He said that there is a major safety and emergency management aspect to air pollution control and the board desired to create a position that reflected that aspect. Mr. Rogers said that the representative from labor that currently sits on the board also happens to be a member of safety and emergency management with the Fire Department. He said that the concern of replacing a member of labor was addressed at the last meeting, and was answered with the notion that it would be very likely that the person who has public safety experience would likely represent labor as well.

Councillor Mahern moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield, to forward Proposal No. 251, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 277, 2007 - amends the Code to create the Fleet Services Internal Service Fund

Patrick Carroll, Deputy Director of Fleet Services, DPW, said that the proposal will move Fleet Services from a General Fund type activity to an Internal Service Fund type activity. He said that the difference is that the Internal Service Fund type of activity is intended to create a sustainable business type operation where funds received are able to be accumulated for things such as replacing vehicles in a timely manner. He said that it is believed that this change will allow the department to better standardize the fleet, to have better control over the operations of the fleet, and most importantly, to hopefully create some replacement funds for aging vehicles. He said that replacing vehicles can be done by leasing vehicles to agencies and departments that identify needs for new vehicles by charging a certain lease fee along with an overhead charge and maintenance fees. He said that some of that

money will be set aside to replace vehicles in the future. Mr. Carroll said that it is anticipated that the transition to an Internal Service Fund will take a number of years, but it will begin with some of the newer passenger type vehicles and pick-up trucks, as opposed to the larger vehicles such as packers and snow trucks.

Councillor Mahern asked if the new vehicles will be the most environmental friendly. Mr. Carroll answered in the affirmative and stated that DPW is currently looking to purchase approximately 31 vehicles that are all alternative fuel vehicles to replace non-alternative fuel vehicles.

Amy McFadden-Marack, Office of Finance and Management (OFM), stated that Proposal Nos. 277, 278 and 284, 2007 are all part of the package of what is trying to be done with Fleet Services. She said that Proposal No. 284, 2007 has been assigned to the Rules and Public Policy Committee. She said that this is being done so that Fleet Services will be responsible for both city and county fleets, and the Take Home Vehicle Policy will also be examined. Ms. McFadden-Marack said that it is the hope that these changes will also fit within the Indy Green Print plan by examining environmental usages, as well as standardizing the types of vehicles being purchased in order to cut down on maintenance and fuel costs whenever possible.

[Clerk's note: Councillor Moriarty Adams arrived at this time, 5:12 p.m.]

Councillor Vaughn asked what makes the current fund insufficient in performing the desired tasks. Mr. Carroll said that with the Fleet Services General Fund, the funds revert to the County General Fund at the end of the year as opposed to accruing. He said that there has been a great deal of difficulty in the last 10 years creating a replacement fund, which has resulted in rapid aging of a fleet requiring more maintenance and other associated costs. Mr. Carroll said that it will take approximately five to ten years to truly establish the fund.

Councillor Mahern said that it makes sense for all of fleet concerns to be under one area that has the expertise.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Keller, to forward Proposal No. 277, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 278, 2007 - amends the Code to revise the duties of the Indianapolis Fleet Services Division to add county vehicles to the management responsibilities of the Division and to allow for better management of vehicle replacements and reduce vehicle maintenance costs

Mr. Carroll said that DPW is attempting to centralize Fleet Management throughout the entire county. He said that Fleet Services currently manages approximately 3,400 passenger rolling stock vehicles. There are approximately 1,500 additional vehicles in County Fleet. He said that it is believed that more efficiency will be created for the City and the County by the entire fleet being managed by one area.

Councillor Keller said that he believes that this is a step in the right direction for more ways to save money and become more efficient, and he supports the proposal.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield, to forward Proposal No. 278, 2007 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

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Ron Stinson, Procurement Manager, CFO, Fleet Services, DPW, said the increase is being requested to cover anticipated costs of the merger of the Warren Township Fire Department (WTFD) with the Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD). These costs are based upon the information provided by Warren and reviewed by Fleet Services to cover the last six months of expenses for 2007. Mr. Stinson said that there are 30 units being transferred to IFD through the merger. In Character 01, three new Full Time Equivalents (FTEs), one heavy equipment technician and two stock keeper technicians are being acquired that will be compensated at the current union contract wages of \$49,300, including benefits. In Character 02, fuel costs are projected based on the average of 3,600 gallons per month for a total of 21,600 gallons for the six-month period. He said that the projected amount of fuel at the current budgeted amount will require an estimated \$47,500. In addition, \$10,000 per month is anticipated to cover repair parts for the additional fleet, which will total \$60,000 for the six-month period. Mr. Stinson said that based upon the vehicle inventory that will be transferred to IFD, a projection of \$6,000 per month or \$36,000 for the six-month period is expected in Character 03 for vehicle maintenance. He said that Fleet Services will also be utilizing the Warren Township Fire Shop Facility on 30<sup>th</sup> Street to perform vehicle maintenance on the Warren Fleet as well as making quick repairs for Public Safety vehicles that are in that area. Mr. Stinson said that the appropriation will be from the Consolidated County Fund, and Fleet Services will recover the costs from City departments through Character 05, Internal Charges, while payments received from any non-city agency will be deposited as revenue in the Consolidated County Fund. Any unspent budget appropriations will be returned to the Consolidated County Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

Councillor Vaughn asked how the cost projections compare to Warren Township’s projections for the same time frame, had the consolidation not occurred. Mr. Stinson answered that the projections are very close in number with the estimates that Warren Township predicted.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to forward Proposal No. 282, 2007 to the full Council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

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Mike Williams, Finance Division, DPW, said that Amanda Shipman, Project Manager, DPW Office of Environmental Services, puts together the grants for DPW’s environmental-related activities. He said

that the ordinance contains a combination of three grants. The first is a \$404,000 CMAQ grant from the Federal Highway Administration for the purchase of 15 flexible fuel vehicles and the installation of an E-85 gas pump. He said that this amount will be matched with local money over a three-year period from 2007 to 2009. Mr. Williams said that the second grant is a CMAQ funded grant with an 80/20 split for the purchase of 16 flexible fuel vehicles. The local money will also come out of DPW's budget over the next few years. He said that the third grant is for a gas can exchange program, in which 10,000 environmentally-friendly gas cans will be exchanged for current gas cans that people may have that are not environmentally-friendly. Five thousand gas cans will be exchanged each year for two years, and the match will be staff time and administering the program. He said that DPW will buy the gas cans and exchange them at different environmental outreach programs.

Chair Conley asked if the new gas cans are made out of a different material that makes them more environmentally-friendly. Ms. Shipman answered that the new gas cans are still plastic like the older ones, but the older gas cans have the potential of allowing emission-filled vapors into the air. She said that the new gas cans are EPA verified as being appropriate and environmentally-friendly.

Mr. Williams said that this program is an opportunity for the City to get environmentally-friendly vehicles and gas cans to areas that do not currently have them.

Councillor Mansfield asked if Ms. Shipman can explain a flexible fuel vehicle. Ms. Shipman answered that flexible fuel vehicles are ones that take Ethanol and 85% gas, which is a richer Ethanol fuel, as regular unleaded gas has approximately 10% Ethanol fuel in it. She said that the special E85 fuel cannot be put into traditional vehicles; however, flexible fuel vehicles have the ability to run on regular gasoline and E85 gasoline. Ms. Shipman said that City flexible vehicles lock out all regular unleaded fuel because the City has Ethanol fuel available. Mr. Williams said that the grant also allows for a third E85 gas pump at DPW's 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Sherman Drive facility.

Councillor Keller moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to forward Proposal No. 283, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

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Chair Conley asked for consent to hear Proposal Nos. 279, 280, 281, and 288, 2007 together. Consent was given.

Councillor Mansfield asked what affect Proposal No. 288, 2007 will have on the flow of traffic in the area of 82<sup>nd</sup> Street and Racquet Square. Nathan Sheets, Senior Project Manager, DPW, answered that the signal will be coordinated with the signals to the east and west of the intersection through an existing traffic signal system that serves as a master controller that ensures that progression flows smoothly. He said that people traveling east on 82<sup>nd</sup> Street should not be impacted by the signal. Councillor Mansfield said that the lights further west of this intersection are not coordinated, especially during evening rush hour. Mr. Sheets said that is something that DPW can take a look at, because many times the signals get off coordination due to weather storms or something of that nature. He said that DPW Operations simply needs to be notified in such cases, and they will go out and sync the time clocks.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield, to forward Proposal Nos. 279, 280, 281, and 288, 2007 to the full Council with “Do Pass” recommendations. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

### Conclusion

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Works Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lonnell Conley, Chair

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